

News briefs

Traveler's warning

When flying, people are reminded to travel with their passports. Recently, local airlines have refused military IDs as a valid form of identification, accepting only passports. Those attempting to use military IDs for air travel have been turned away and refused boarding. Additionally, passports are always preferred for safety and force protection reasons.

Stop Loss release

Air Force officials recently released all active-duty Air Force members from Stop Loss with the exception of the following Air Force Specialty Codes:

Enlisted -- 1A1X0, 1A1X1, 1C0X0, 1C0X1, 1C0X2, 1C1X1, 1N0X0, 1T2X0, 1T2X1, 2F0X0, 2F0X1, 3P0X0 and 3P0X1.

Officer -- 11S, 12S and 31P.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Seymour Brookes or Airman 1st Class Jennifer Olson at 452-6255.

Youth volunteers needed

The American Red Cross seeks youth volunteers for the summer. Eighth through 12th grade students are encouraged to join the youth program to learn about being part of an international humanitarian organization.

Volunteering for the ARC is also a way to earn points for the Extreme Summer program.

Positions are currently available at both the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex libraries, 52nd Medical Group, ARC and other offices, dining facilities and post offices. Some locations have minimum age requirements. For more information, call the ARC at 452-9440 or 06565-619440.

Holiday advisory

Recently, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations has been informed of and investigated several allegations of threats to the Big Annual Summer Happening and McDonald's in Bitburg. OSI has verified the threats are not credible.

Local OSI agents appreciate timely phone calls and up-channeling of information and hope the trend continues.

People who receive information concerning threats to the Eifel area should call OSI prior to passing the information on to friends, neighbors or family members. OSI will investigate the allegations and inform the community if a threat is present.

People can contact AFOSI Det. 518 at Spangdahlem Air Base by calling 452-6291

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First visit

Lt. Col. Kurt Kaisler, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron commander, shows new housing unit plans to Maj. Gen. Michael Wooley, commander of 3rd Air Force, during his visit June 27. This was Wooley's first visit to Spangdahlem Air Base since taking command of 3rd Air Force at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Spang remembers A-10 pilot

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

At a memorial service Monday, Capt. Robert I. Lopez was remembered as a "big man, with a big smile and an even bigger heart."

Family and friends from around the world packed the base chapel to remember the 81st Fighter Squadron pilot who died June 27 when his A-10 crashed near Lun ville, France. He was on a Tactical Leadership Program training mission.

A 1994 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, Lopez started his career in the Air Force as a civil engineer officer. Soon after, his heart lead him to apply for and be accepted to attend undergraduate pilot training.

Capt. Neil Neaderhiser, 23rd Fighter Squadron, met Lopez in 1998 at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., where both were attending pilot training.

The two remained close through the years. In fact, while attending Lopez' wedding to Kathleen, he met his future wife, Christine -- Kathleen's cousin.

According to Neaderhiser, Lopez had an undeniable love for flying, but he loved his family even more.

"He loved flying, but I think his favorite thing to do was spend time with Kathleen," he said. "If we could learn anything from Rob, it's that we all should be a little bit more like him. He loved Kathleen so much and they did everything right as a couple."

In addition to showing his love for his wife, according to friends at the service, Lopez, 32, also showed his big smile every where he went.

"He put that smile on before his flight suit," Neaderhiser said.

A service is scheduled for Monday at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and another is scheduled in Dayton, Ohio. The Capt. Robert Lopez Memorial Fund was recently set up at the Community Bank.

The 52nd Fighter Wing extends its deepest condolences to the Lopez family -- his smile and commitment will live in our hearts forever.

Lopez

52nd Fighter Wing gains new vice wing commander

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The 52nd Fighter Wing gained a new vice wing commander recently.

Col. Thomas Groznik, formerly the U.S. senior national representative and chief of staff for Air North at Kalkar, Germany, replaced Col. John Watkins, who is now the vice commander for 3rd Air Force at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

As vice wing commander, Groznik, an A-10 pilot, is in charge of a variety of programs, such as the Rhein-Main Transition program and the Foreign Object Damage program. Additionally, he'll take command of the wing in the absence of the wing commander.

Groznik, a graduate of Akron University in Ohio, has commanded an A-10 fighter

squadron, had tours in the Pacific and European commands and worked at a major command level.

Groznik said he's excited to be at Spangdahlem Air Base. For one thing, his job at Kalkar was a non-flying assignment and here he'll fly with the 81st Fighter Squadron.

His biggest challenge, he said, will be to

get everyone's names down and meet as many people as he can.

The colonel said it's too early for him to come up with goals for the wing, so he'll just take some time to absorb what's going on already.

"I'm just so thrilled and happy to be here. I'll find a place to fit and help out -- help us achieve great things."

Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Sixteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, one of which was major.

The major accident happened on L-46 near Scheidweiler traveling in the direction of Herforst. An airman, traveling toward Herforst, lost control of his vehicle and struck a guardrail and a sloped embankment. There were no injuries.

The vehicle sustained disabling damage to the front and rear ends. Property damage consisted of a 30-foot dent in the guardrail. The airman was issued a citation for driving too fast for conditions and faces a possible six-month driver's suspension for unsafe vehicular infractions.

The 15 minor accidents involved:

- Two from backing.
- Nine from inattentive driving.
- Two parking lot related.
- Two fleeing the scene.

In addition, 30 citations were issued.

AEF schedules to remain same

Only exception is for 'stressed' career fields told to deploy as long as 179 days

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - The Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept was a major topic of discussion at the biannual Corona meeting recently in Colorado Springs, Colo., most notably on the lengths and numbers of existing AEF deployments.

Bottom line - the current AEF deployment alignment will remain the same at 10 AEFs, utilized in five pairs with 90-day TDYs for a 15 month total cycle length, said the special assistant to the vice chief of staff for AEFs.

"As a result of a Corona decision, the Air Force is retaining the 10 AEFs and maintaining the 90-day rotation policy to the maximum extent possible," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe.

The exception to that policy would be for "stressed" career fields where some individuals, based upon current requirements, will be told to deploy as long as 179 days. "Clearly our intent is to fix these stressed career fields as soon as possible so that the 90-day policy is a reality for all," Peppe said.

Another Corona decision involves the two Air Expeditionary Wings, known as "911" wings, identified in the original AEF alignment.

"By Aug. 1, the resources of those AEWs will be aligned throughout the existing 10 AEFs, and they will be tasked accordingly starting with Cycle 4 in June 2003," Peppe said. "Based upon current operational demands, it made sense to fold these two wings into existing AEF rotations."

The crisis response need that the AEWs fulfilled will come from the current construct of AEFs starting with Cycle 4, Peppe added.

According to Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper, education

about AEFs should be a primary concern at all levels of the Air Force, from general officers to airmen basic.

"The most important thing for an airman to do is to deploy on time, and we must all understand that those airmen deployed are our No. 1 priority," Jumper said. "The Air Staff is working hard to identify and size the stressed career fields and develop short and long term solutions. AEF is not a hobby - it's the system."

Other Corona discussions centered around the bi-monthly Major Command Vice Commander Forum, which actively works AEF issues such as building force modules, key leadership training, unit type codes and increasing the deployable population. All of these, Peppe said, contribute to properly deploying expeditionary air and space resources around the world, when and where the need arises.

"We are expeditionary," Peppe said. "We need to be ready to deploy - ready to project our forces anywhere, any time."

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during duty hours or the law enforcement desk at 452-6666 and asking for the OSI duty agent.

Boy Scout volunteers needed

Boy Scout Troop 165 needs members and adult leaders. Boys in fifth grade and higher, or adult leaders, can join by calling Master Sgt. Daniel DeMers at 452-6016 or Master Sgt. Mark Pegram at 452-6290.

Student transportation

All students who ride the school bus must have a new pass for the 2002-2003 school year.

Students who are registered with the schools before July 26 will receive the pass in the mail by Aug. 17. All incoming sponsors who register their children at the schools after July 26 must stop by the student transportation office in building 459 on the Spangdahlem Elementary School complex. Parents must bring a copy of the school registration form to register for bus service.

Customer service hours for the STO are weekdays 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Call 452-5340 or 452-5352 for more information.

Spouse meeting

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron spouses' group meets Thursday at 7 p.m. in the conference room of building 215. For more information, call Michaila Bliss at 06562-932766.

Training day

In order for the 52nd Medical Group to meet its mission of ensuring readiness,

promoting wellness and delivering quality health care, the group spends the first Thursday of each month in training.

The medical group will be closed Aug. 1 for medical readiness training, contingency exercises and a commander's call. Services normally offered on family days, holidays and weekends will still be available. For urgent care, go to the emergency room in the hospital at the Bitburg Annex.

No trespassing

Trespassing in and around the combat arms firing range is not only illegal, but hazardous due to gunfire. The combat arms ranges, buildings 604 and 605, are located on Perimeter Road by the Nature Trail. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Robert Hammond at 452-6287.

Eifel Safety Camp

The 52nd Fighter Wing holds its fifth annual Eifel Safety Camp July 11-12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bitburg Middle School. Admission is free.

Fire prevention and animal, water, traffic and bicycle safety are just a few of the events planned. Register children ages 6-12 by Tuesday at the safety office located on the second floor of building 23.

Volunteers are needed to help at the camp. Participants earn "Battle of the Groups" points for their respective groups. For more information, visit the safety office or call 452-7233.

Tuition policy

Air Force people will soon benefit from a new Department of Defense tuition assistance policy that pays 100 percent of the cost of tuition for off-duty courses,

according to Air Force education officials.

"The policy, effective Oct. 1, will pay tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per 3-hour course," said Jim Sweizer, chief of the Air Force voluntary education branch at the Pentagon.

The policy also includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling.

"In the past, we only paid instructional fees, such as a lab fee for science courses," Sweizer said. "Under the new policy, as long as the total cost falls under the authorized total, the student doesn't have to pay any money out of (his or her) pocket."

However, tuition assistance cannot be used to pay for textbooks unless they are included in an academic institution's published tuition rates, he said.

With 100 percent tuition assistance available to airmen, some people might opt to waive contributing to the Montgomery GI Bill, Sweizer said. He recommends bluesuiters continue to take advantage of the benefits the GI Bill presents.

"Not everyone will be able to complete his or her education while on active duty," he said. Having the MGIB as an alternative for later use is a wise investment."

The increase to 100 percent tuition assistance was authorized by Congress two years ago, but was not funded until fiscal 2003. The tuition assistance program is the same across the entire Defense Department. Each service had two years to develop a plan to make the program work together.

For more information, call the base education center at 452-3160. (Air Force Print News)

Twenty-nine airmen put ALS behind them

By Staff Sgt. Latitia R. Austin
Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Jamoral E. Twine received top honors from Airman Leadership School Class 02-6. During the June 27 graduation ceremony, the 52nd Communications Squadron member received the John L. Levitow and leadership awards. Senior Airman John W. Maine, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, received the class academic achievement award. Distinguished graduates were Maine and Lonnie J. Morrow Jr., 22nd Fighter Squadron.

The other senior airmen graduating were:

Eagle Flight

Deron L. Branch, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Justin B. Bradshaw, 23rd Fighter Squadron; Lynnde A. Boykin, 22nd FS; Shella S. Daffern, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Amy M. Francis, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; Martin A. Lopez, 22nd FS; Rizi M. Manzon, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany; Adam J. Mufford, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel, Belgium; Alexandria D. Rice, 470th Air Base Squadron; James Riser, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany; Christopher W. Scholar, 52nd EMS; Chance E. Story, 52nd MUNSS.

Warthog Flight

Jason A. Atchley, 52nd EMS; Matthew E. Coffman, 81st Fighter Squadron; Thomas E. Croucher, 52nd LRS; Joseph Dill, 52nd CS; Alvin S. Fua, 52nd CS; Clyde A. Garnett, Jr., 22nd FS; Nicole E. Kimble, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; Michael B. King, 52nd MSS; Jamice S. Means, 470th ABS; Christopher P. Medaugh, 52nd Component Repair Squadron; Antwony R. Smith, 52nd LRS; Christine M. Taylor, 52nd MUNSS; Jeremy J. Westphal, 52nd MUNSS.

Dealing with deployment -- the spouse at home

By Allison Carnahan
52nd Mission Support Squadron key spouse

Each person deals with separation differently.

When I was a new military spouse facing a year long deployment, a Navy wife shared something I found helpful. She said, "It's not normal for a happily married couple to be separated, so don't pretend it is."

Issues and concerns will arise while spouses are deployed. The best thing family back home can do is to reach out to the support system already established at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Asking for assistance and guidance won't have negative repercussions to a military members's career. The first resource

available is the spouse's unit first sergeant. First sergeant's, also referred to as the "first shirt's," can often answer questions and guide spouses to the appropriate base agencies for assistance. There are several other agencies on Spangdahlem AB available to family members as well.

A great place to start for information is the family support center. This agency offers "spouses' day out" trips. There's also a personal financial advisor who can assist with everything including balancing checkbooks, establishing a budget and long-term investment planning. The center also offers morale calls and videophone opportunities so families can speak to deployed family members free of charge.

Other helpful FSC programs include "Car Care 'Cause We Care," which offers spouses of members deployed 30 days or more a free oil change. "Dads at a Distance" and "Moms at the Miles" are two programs that assist parents and children with communication techniques.

For middle-school students, there's also "Hugs from Home." Program participants write letters and create crafts to send to the deployed parent. Students can register for the program at the middle schools.

Finally, Spangdahlem AB is fortunate to have an active Key Spouse program. Key spouses offer a shoulder to lean on or a point-of-contact for information. Most units have key spouses. Call the squadron first

sergeant to find out more about your unit's program.

Most squadrons also have active spouses' groups. These are a great resource for all spouses, not just those who are dealing with deployment.

When the military spouse is deployed, the waiting spouse loses a vital link to base and squadron information. Staying in touch through the key spouse program and the spouses' groups helps to fill in that missing link.

During deployments, the key isn't just surviving, but thriving. This is possible by reaching out and using programs available especially for this challenging time for military families.

Be 'sun smart' this summer

By Maj. (Dr.) Mike Majors
48th Medical Operations Squadron

**ROYAL AIR FORCE
LAKENHEATH, England** -
Summertime in Europe is beautiful but it pays to be "sun smart."

First, a little science, sunlight is composed of three main types of light: ultraviolet, visible light and infrared. Visible light is self-explanatory, and infrared can be thought of as heat.

Ultraviolet, however, is by far the most damaging to people. This type of light penetrates deeply, damages the skin and leads to sunburns, skin cancer, and wrinkles. The damage that occurs is cumulative and long lasting, so the next time someone says to you, "Let's go soak up some rays," you'll know exactly how unwise that is.

Since we're on the subject of unwise behavior, let's talk about tanning booths. Until someone invents a cigarette-smoking booth, think of a tanning booth as the "ultimate cancer-causing machine." It actually delivers more ultraviolet rays to your skin than a comparable amount of time in natural sunlight, and it has been proven to increase the risk of melanoma - the most dangerous form of skin cancer. Bottom line: don't use a tanning booth.

So, does being "sun smart" mean staying indoors and avoiding sunlight at all costs?

Absolutely not. When the sun is shining in Europe, the countryside and castles are at their most beautiful. Get out and enjoy them. Better yet, given the scarcity of sunny days in certain parts of Europe, get out there and revel in the sunlight. Just remember a few simple measures that will keep you safe in the sun.

Always apply a broad spectrum, high sun protection factor sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply the sunscreen if you get wet or sweaty or if you are outdoors for more than two hours. In addition, it's a good idea to wear

protective clothing, such as: wide-brimmed hats, sunglasses, long-sleeved shirts and long pants that give you added protection.

Don't forget to protect an often overlooked part of your face - your lips. Use a lip balm or lipstick that contains sunscreen and reapply it frequently. With regular use, these measures become second nature, and rather than being "a drag," they can actually enhance your ability to have fun in the sun while still avoiding sunburns and those dreaded wrinkles and age spots.

A word on sunscreens, SPF is generally indicated on the label of all sunscreens sold today. The SPF is basically a ratio of the amount of UV able to penetrate your skin while you wear that particular sunscreen. In other words, when you wear a sunscreen with a SPF of 15, your skin absorbs one-15th (or 6.7 percent) of the sun's UV. With a SPF of 30, the ratio becomes one-30th (or 3.3 percent). As the SPF increases, the amount of UV absorbed decreases ... to a point.

For most people, an SPF 30 is more than enough to prevent sunburn and minimize the effects of the sun's rays. If you burn easily or have a history of skin cancer, you should use at least an SPF 45. In addition, it's important to check the label on the sunscreen to make sure it has the words "broad spectrum." This means it provides the best possible protection from the sun's harmful rays, rather than just partial coverage.

Summer in Europe is definitely a time to get out and enjoy the milder weather, but just remember to be safe and "sun smart."

For more information on sun protection and preventing skin cancer, check out the Web sites of the American Academy of Dermatology at www.aad.org and the Skin Cancer Foundation at www.skincancer.org. (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

Keep career sailing smoothly by following Area Defense Counsel summer 'safety' tips

By Tech. Sgt. Darren Lemons
Area Defense Counsel Office

The summer vacation and moving season is here again. In keeping with the summer spirit, people will travel to and from exotic locations, host cookouts and juggle personal finances to make it all possible.

However, in addition, the Spangdahlem Air Base Area Defense Counsel Office encourages people to focus on "summer career safety." Nothing will stop a fast-burning career quicker than an Article 15 or court-martial as a result of poor financial choices.

Financial misconduct

Military members should balance their checkbooks every time they write a check because bouncing checks is a crime. Also, people should accurately record ATM withdrawals in their checkbooks as well.

Article 123(a) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) applies when members, who know they don't have money to cover checks, or won't have money to cover checks, write them anyway.

The maximum punishment if found guilty of an Article 123(a) offense is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for five years. All this could result from writing one bad check.

Not only is writing a check knowing you don't have the money a crime, but actions after writing bounced checks could also become crimes.

Article 134 of the UCMJ applies to members' actions or inaction after writing bad checks. Doing nothing, ignoring the bank notifications or not repaying the money owed is a crime.

The safe thing to do is to not overspend, but if mistakes are made, military members need to fix the problem immediately.

Government credit card

The government wasn't playing "Santa Claus" when it issued this line of credit. There are strict guidelines for its use.

Military members should never use government credit cards to finance vacation

expenses. Unofficial uses of the card can earn airmen Articles 15 or courts-martial.

The government credit card is for deployment and moving expenses only. Members unsure of the proper use of their card can contact their Government Travel Card Program Manager for more information.

"I wasn't briefed on the uses or the regulations governing this card," or "I pulled the wrong Visa out of my wallet by mistake," are not defenses to Article 92 of the UCMJ.

Article 92 makes it criminal to fail to obey a lawful order or regulation. It includes dereliction of duty, as well.

Members who are moving should still make arrangements to pay their bills on time. Article 92 carries a maximum punishment of dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for two years for offenders.

Air Force members are required to follow the applicable regulations regarding the government travel card and they have a duty not to abuse the card.

Debts

One of the last things people want to think about during the summer is paying loans, but it's important debts get paid. Article 134 of the UCMJ, is violated when members owe money, but refuse to pay it back.

Such actions are considered dishonorable. When found guilty of this crime, the maximum punishment is a bad-conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for six months.

Enjoying the summer is time well spent, but people should take care not to overextend their finances. Military members are held accountable for their actions 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Call the Spangdahlem AB Area Defense Counsel Office at 452-6607 for free, independent advice.

More information is also available on the ADC Web page on the base intranet at <http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/52tenant/adc/>.

Ready, Vigilant, Proud USAFE's new, improved mission statement

By Capt. Dani Johnson
U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — New and improved, U.S. Air Forces in Europe unveiled their capability-focused vision and mission statements aimed at helping more than 35,000 military and civilian members accomplish the command's mission and chart the course for its future.

"Over the last two years, we've experienced a great deal of change," said Brig. Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Headquarters USAFE director of plans and programs. "Continued support for current operations and our focus on achieving the highest standards in all we do dictated we realign the vision and mission statements. The new statements reflect the world we live in today and the capabilities we [USAFE] bring to the fight."

USAFE's new vision statement reads: "Air and space professionals achieving the highest standards in all we do."

The new mission statement reads: "Command, deploy, and sustain air and space expeditionary forces ... Ready, Vigilant, Proud - to execute the full spectrum of military operations for America and our allies."

"Jack Welch, former chief executive officer of General Electric and considered by many leaders as unrivaled in managing

large organizations, has an effective philosophy — keep your strategy [our vision] short and simple," said Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAFE commander. "Our new vision statement follows this philosophy by simply and clearly stating what we are going to be," said Martin. "It stimulates thoughts of how to grow and improve the entire organization."

Ready, Vigilant, Proud, are the underpinnings of USAFE's entire mission. "Our forces and our equipment must always be Ready," Martin said. "We must remain Vigilant in all we do; and we, as an organization, are Proud of our people and they are proud to be part of USAFE."

Two years ago, USAFE established the USAFE Strategic Vision Process, a framework integrating three elements of management — performance management, strategic planning and resource allocation — in order to meet command objectives. This process has increased our effectiveness and efficiency and made USAFE an example for other commands to follow.

"We are a Ready, Vigilant, and Proud organization with the vision of achieving the highest standards in all we do," Martin added. "The goal is for everyone to understand how they contribute to the mission and ultimately achieve our vision."

American Forces Network radio schedule

Eifel 105 FM

Monday-Friday schedule

Rock, midnight-5 a.m.
Local morning show, 5-9 a.m.
Country, 9-11 a.m.
Contemporary, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Local afternoon show, 3-8 p.m.
Tom Joyner, 8-10 p.m.
Urban Jamz, 10 p.m. to midnight

Saturday schedule

Rock, midnight-10 a.m.
Contemporary, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Top 40, 2-6 p.m.
Contemporary, 6-9 p.m.
Urban Jamz, 9 p.m. to midnight

Sunday schedule

Rock, midnight-7 a.m.
Thistle and Shamrock, 7-8 a.m.
Contemporary, 8-10 a.m.
Hispanic music, 10-11 a.m.
Country countdown, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Top 40, 3-7 p.m.
Contemporary, 7 p.m. to midnight

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Monday-Friday schedule

Oldies or live sports, midnight-3 a.m.
Country or live sports, 3-5 a.m.
AFN Morning Newswatch, 5-10 a.m.
Power Talk, 10-11 a.m.
Sports Overnight America, 11 a.m.-noon
NPR Morning Edition, noon-4 p.m.
AFN Evening Newswatch, 4-4:35 p.m.
Sports Byline, 4:35-6 p.m.

Rush Limbaugh, 6-7 p.m.

Dr. Laura Schlessinger, 7-7:45 p.m.

Paul Harvey, 7:45-8 p.m.

NPR Talk of the Nation, 9-10 p.m.

NPR All Things Considered, 10 p.m. to midnight

Saturday schedule

Oldies, midnight-6 a.m.
NPR All Things Considered, 6-8 a.m.
Sports Overnight, 8-9 a.m.
NPR Profile, 11-11:30 a.m.
Headline News, 11:30 a.m. to noon
On Computers, noon-1 p.m.
Country countdown, 1-5 p.m.
Country hits, 5-6 p.m.
NPR Weekend Edition, 6-8 p.m.
Oldies or live sports, 8-11 p.m.
Country or live sports, 11 p.m.-midnight

Sunday schedule

Country or live sports, midnight-3 a.m.
Oldies, 3-7 a.m.
Religious programming, 7-8 a.m.
Rock of Ages, 8-10 a.m.
Sports Overnight America, 10-11 a.m.
Car Talk, 11 a.m. to noon
Prairie Home Companion, noon-2 p.m.
NPR Weekend Edition, 2-4 p.m.
Justice Talking, 4-5 p.m.
Fresh Air Weekend, 5-6 p.m.
This American Life, 6-7 p.m.
Country or live sports, 7 p.m.-midnight
To contact Air Force News radio, e-mail afn.eifel@spangdahlem.af.mil.

At Your SERVICE

SPANGDAHLEM Chapel

- Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:15 a.m. Sunday
- Jewish service each second and fourth Friday at 7 p.m.
- Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

Commissary

- Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Main exchange

- Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Child development center

- Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

BXtra (shoppette)

- Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-midnight

Gas station

- Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Outdoor recreation

- Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Airmen's Attic

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling center

- Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight
- Sunday, noon-9 p.m.

BITBURG ANNEX Chapel

- Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday
- Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
- Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel
- Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

Child development center

- Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Commissary

- Monday, closed
- Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shoppette

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Furniture store

- Monday, closed
- Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Main exchange

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Gas station

- Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Car care center

- Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, closed

Airmen's Attic

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oberweiss Annex

Pet spa

- Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Community Mailbox

PWOC fellowship

The Protestant Women of the Chapel hold a fellowship Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. For more information, call the base chapel at 452-6711.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 1681 holds its monthly general membership meeting July 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the Spangdahlem Air Base pavillion (next to the Bowling Center). All chapter members and people interested in joining AFSA are invited to attend the summer picnic get-together. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be served, starting at 11:15 a.m.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Bingman at 452-6703.

SMS library

The Spangdahlem Middle School library opens each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children enrolled at SMS, as well as those enrolled at Bitburg Middle School, are able to check out books and use library resources. For more information, call Marlaine Newman at 452-7205.

Travel guide

Panther Paws 2001-2002, a travel guide sponsored by the 81st Fighter Squadron Spouses Club, is now available at local exchange stores for \$10.

Thrift shop

Penny Lane currently has transformers, clothes, furniture and baby items available. The shop is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pet adoption

The veterinary clinic often has kittens, cats and other animals available for adoption. Call the clinic at 452-9388 for more information.

Guam Liberation Day

A holiday celebration takes place July 13 at Donnelly Park on Ramstein Air Base. Call Joe Quitugua at 01708-919735 or e-mail quituguaj@cmtymail.26asg.army.mil for more information.



File photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Living in the Eifel

This is a typical half-timbered house in Bernkastel-Kues, located about 30 minutes from the base. This city is a tourist city, attracting visitors from near and far, year-round.

European cowboys

People interested in forming a Spangdahlem Air Base rodeo team and participating in European Rodeo Cowboy Association events can call Staff Sgt. David Scott at 06565-934843 for more information.

Craft classes

The following class takes place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register at least one week prior to all classes by calling Craft Corner at 452-4141.

■Stamping techniques, July 17 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

The following classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2002.

■Six-week quilting, July 15-Aug. 19 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$35, plus supplies.

■Basic stamping, July 25 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

Summer reading

Spangdahlem Air Base library sponsors the youth summer reading program now through Aug. 16. Youth can register at the library.

The program features weekly reading contests and bi-weekly crafts. Youth who have read 25 books or more during the summer earn certificates. Call the library at 452-6203 for details.

Scholarships

The Air Force Services Agency offers the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship to students of current club members. To qualify, applicants submit an essay of less than 500 words on how Air Force clubs help military traditions continue.

Base services officials will select two scholarship entries to compete at Air Force level. The prize is a \$5,000 scholarship. Submission deadline is July 15. Call the 52nd Services Squadron Marketing Office at 452-6466 for more information.

Scouting news

Cub Scout day camp takes place Aug. 5-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Preist sportplatz. Activities include hiking, making crafts, marksmanship practice and more.

The event is open to boys entering first through fifth grades. Cost is \$50 for registered scouts and \$58 for non-scouting members. The fee includes a T-shirt and a patch. Registration deadline is Monday.

Activity managers seek camp volunteers 18 years and older. No experience is necessary. Permissive TDY has been used in the past and must be approved by unit commanders for active-duty members to participate. Call John or Larisa Kennedy at 06562-931258 for details.

Picnics in the park

The Mothers of Preschoolers picnics in the park take place each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. People can attend Tuesdays on the Bitburg Annex behind building 19 and Thursdays at Spangdahlem Air Base across from building 409. For more information, e-mail spangmops@yahoo.com or call the base chapel at 452-6711.

Spouse tuition assistance

Applications for Term 1 spouse tuition assistance are now available at the education office and the Bitburg Annex post office. Deadline is July 26. For more information, call the education office at 452-6063.

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■ DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
■ Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126

■ To public affairs in building 23.
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Air Force leaders share stories, fond wishes for Fourth of July holiday

Joint message

By James G. Roche and Gen. John P. Jumper
Secretary of the Air Force and
Air Force chief of staff

On this day 226 years ago, an enlightened group of brave Americans signed a simple document declaring their commitment to a set of truths that formed the foundation of our enduring democracy. In doing so, they risked much, including their lives.

From that day forward, another devoted group of brave Americans, the servicemen and

women of this country, have risked much, including their lives, to defend our nation and our principles.

From our War of Independence through the storied battles that have shaped the character, spirit and destiny of our nation, America has sacrificed her sons and daughters to defend our undeniable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

On the Fourth of July, we celebrate these rights and our freedom with picnics, parades and fireworks, the same as we've done

for many years.

This year, however, our celebration takes on a renewed significance. Enemies of freedom have attacked our nation and the fundamental principles for which we stand.

And, in the tradition of those who have gone before, a new generation now wields the shield and the sword of our great democracy.

Since we last celebrated this holiday, airmen have given their lives defending America. Remember

them this Independence Day as well as those who stand guard while we celebrate our nation's birthday.

The American people depend on you and possess an unwavering faith in your abilities. Your courage, commitment and sacrifice keep us free.

We are very proud of what you and your families endure to defend our nation, and are privileged to serve with you. We salute each and every one of you and wish you all a very happy Fourth of July!

USAFE

By Gen. Gregory S. Martin
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany - This Independence Day is unlike any other in our recent history. The tragic events of Sept. 11th serve as a painful reminder that there are those who don't share our commitment to the principles upon which our nation was founded. At a time like this it may be valuable to reflect on another point in our history when we confronted a crisis that threatened the cherished freedoms that inspired our independence.

In January 1941, as the war raged in Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed the United States Congress at, what he termed, an unprecedented time in history. In this state of the union address he explained that the democratic way of life was being

directly assailed in every part of the world and that we must not allow these tyrannical forces to succeed. He concluded his speech with a vision - a vision of a world founded on the rule of law and human freedoms:

- Freedom of speech and expression - everywhere in the world
- Freedom of every person to worship God in his own way - everywhere in the world
- Freedom from want - everywhere in the world
- Freedom from fear - anywhere in the world

These "four essential human freedoms" are the goals for which our country strives everyday - a kind of moral order.

"Freedom means the supremacy of human

rights everywhere ... and our strength is our unity of purpose."

I'm proud to be among the dedicated airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines who continue to sacrifice so much to protect these human freedoms ... and you should be proud too!

Each time our nation has called, you've responded with heartfelt compassion to relieve suffering of those in need or you've prevailed with overwhelming force to suppress an enemy threatening the United States or our allies.

As you and your families and friends celebrate this Fourth of July, enjoy the day's festive spirit and be proud that, thanks to you, Americans and countless others on our earth are allowed to enjoy these "four essential human freedoms."

3rd Air Force

By Maj. Gen. Michael W. Wooley
Third Air Force commander

Despite all the great benefits, training and experiences people can get from the Air Force, few people serve because of these. In the U.S. Air Force, you are part of a family.

You are part of something bigger than yourself, part of something meaningful. Although the uniform does not define any one of us, it distinguishes each of us.

It is a good life, but a tough one, and America's military -

active, reserve, guard, civilian and family members - have stood strong in defense of our freedoms.

Elmer Davis, an American journalist from the early 1900's once said, "The republic was not established by cowards, and cowards will not preserve it. This will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

Well despite world wars, cold wars and terrorist attacks, America has remained the land of the free because you and your military forerunners have

remained brave.

The Fourth of July is a unique American holiday and we celebrate it each year in a proud American style - with fireworks, barbecues, picnics and games.

Those of us scattered to the corners of the earth take these traditions with us, and tend to cherish them even more for the remembrance of our homeland and why we wear its uniform.

But this year many more Americans will celebrate this holiday with an even deeper sense

of gratitude for the freedoms we have, because they know too well that there are those out there who do not enjoy such freedoms, and who would take them from us.

This year's event will be a bittersweet event for some, but it will remain a celebration of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. No one can take those from us - we won't let them.

My wife Kathy and I wish you all a very safe and blessed holiday weekend. I am very proud of each you for what you do every day for our Air Force and our nation!

AEF

It won't work if you're not ready

By Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe

Special assistant to the chief of staff
and Space Expeditionary Forces

for Air

WASHINGTON — You've heard it said many times — our Air Force is expeditionary. What does this mean? Quite simply, that the Air Force is organized and prepared for military operations abroad, and that everyone of us is a warrior and should be ready to go anywhere on the planet to fight our nation's battles. While the great majority of our people are ready, we continue to see a large number of personnel reporting for duty in an AOR without all prerequisites accomplished.

All of us — officer, enlisted and civilian; active duty, reserve and guard — must take ownership of our expeditionary culture. While the Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept ensures the Air Force is capable of providing rapidly responsive, need-specific, aerospace power, prepared to conduct military operations across the full spectrum of combat, it simply won't work if we aren't ready.

Being ready to deploy means a lot of things. I like to break them down into three areas — being trained, staying healthy, and taking care of your family. If you take care of these three,

our Air Force will always win.

First are the obvious preparations — the ones that train you to fight. These include chemical warfare defense training, weapons qualification, self-aid and buddy care, a law of armed conflict review and anti-terrorism training, to name just a few. Your local readiness unit will tell you what training you need for your particular deployment.

Readiness also means staying healthy. Are your immunization records complete? Are you exercising several times a week? Are you eating a nutritious and balanced diet? Are you limiting your tobacco and alcohol use? The Air Force mission is to defend the United States and protect its interests through aerospace power. We can't do that if you're not healthy.

Finally, there's the third category of preparations, the ones that are sometimes less obvious but no less important — taking care of your family. This means a lot of things. It means talking to your spouse and kids to make sure they are mentally prepared for you to leave. It also means making sure your will is up to date; that your family's identification cards are current; and that the DoD sticker on the family car is valid.

It's up to you to make sure these, and all the other little details your family is counting on, are taken care of before you step on that plane.

While readiness is a personal responsibility, commanders, first sergeants and supervisors play a vital role. If you're one of these people, you should ask yourself some questions. Do your people know what AEF they are assigned to? Have you made sure they are trained and ready? Is their equipment ready? If you answered no to any of these questions, you need to get to work, and get to work now.

Lastly, the MAJCOM vice commanders are meeting on a bi-monthly basis to review ongoing operational demands, efforts to increase the number of eligible airman to deploy and review rotation cycles. The Air Staff is aware and concerned about the increased operational tempo and is committed to keeping predictability and stability in the lives of our airmen and their families.

Our Air Force has always done extraordinary things, and our expeditionary approach to warfighting has only enhanced our ability to succeed. The AEF will surely carry us through this century, but only if we take it upon ourselves to make it work by being prepared.

Workout!

Lt. Col. Scott A. Kiser

52nd Contracting Squadron commander

As I sit down to consider my final commander's article, we just finished the "May Fitness Month". It's a great time of the year for everyone to review and do a personal assessment on their own fitness status.

As you review your current physical condition, how's your aerobic capacity, your muscle strength, and overall stamina?

While some of us may never be marathon runners or NFL middle linebackers, we should all certainly maintain a certain fitness level appropriate for our chosen career.

Looking beyond the physical aspects of fitness, never underestimate the mental advantages of a regular workout. Given the incredible schedule/requirements this wing faces on a daily basis, stress and mental fatigue can easily build up. It's hard for any of us to "have time" for a run or workout, therefore it's essential we somehow "make time" for a workout. With this in mind, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports developed the following:

What is a Workout?

A workout is 25 percent perspiration and 75 percent determination. Stated another way, it

is one part physical exertion and three parts discipline. Doing it is easy once you get started.

A workout makes you better today than you were yesterday. It strengthens the body, relaxes the mind, and toughens the spirit. When you work out regularly, your problems diminish and your confidence grows.

A workout is a personal triumph over laziness and procrastination. It is the badge of a winner and the mark of an organized, goal-oriented person who has taken charge of his or her destiny.

A workout is a wise use of time and an investment in excellence. It is a way of preparing for life's challenges and proving to yourself that you have what it takes to do what is necessary.

A workout is a key that helps unlock the door to opportunity and success. Hidden within each of us is an extraordinary force. Physical and mental fitness are the triggers that can release it.

A workout is a form of rebirth. When you finish a workout, you don't simply feel better. You feel better about yourself.

Direct Lines

Safety

Question: The largest park in Spangdahlem base housing is across the street from my housing unit in building 412. As such, it's frequented by a large number of children daily.

To get there, many children must cross what I think is the busiest road on base, the one leading in and out of the housing area. I don't confess to have a calibrated eye; however, it's obvious most of the vehicles aren't driving the posted speed limit in that area. Numerous times now, neighbors and I have witnessed near misses involving vehicles and children. This road is exceptionally dangerous for our children. I think the only thing that will be effective in slowing people down is speed bumps.

I've heard speed bumps hamper snow removal; however, they are in-place on the Bitburg Annex housing area spring through fall. If it's a matter of manpower, I will gladly volunteer my time to help as I'm sure many other parents would who live in the building.

Answer: Thank you for your safety concern. In conjunction with a future paving project in the Spangdahlem Air Base housing area, we are looking at a redesign of the traffic flow in and around housing to make it safer for those living there.

In the interim, we are purchasing and installing speed bumps at the entry to the housing area, similar to what exists at the Bitburg Annex.

I need every person in our housing areas to help enforce the speed limit. Take the time to talk to any person who is going too fast and remind them of their responsibility to help protect our children.

Reserved parking spaces

Question: I live in Spangdahlem Air Base housing. At least four times this year, my husband and I have come home to find somebody parked in our spot. It also happened numerous times last year.

Several times we have unsuccessfully gone to every apartment in our building, trying to locate the owner of the car, instead of calling security forces.

When we do call security forces, we get a new excuse each time — snow is covering the paint so the person didn't know it was reserved; or you can't read the painting because it's old. The one time a security forces member actually came out we were told he didn't believe in writing parking tickets. Then, the owner of the car came outside and said he knew the spot was reserved but there was nowhere else to park. Still, the security forces did nothing.

When will something be done about this? I'm sure people wouldn't like for me to go to their house and park in their parking spots.

Answer: The problem you have described is a direct result of the limited parking available in our housing areas. In May, security forces members

responded to three complaints in base housing and wrote citations to the offenders in two cases. In one case, the reserved spot number was unreadable and security forces could not issue a citation. To help solve this problem, the civil engineer squadron began repainting the reserved spot numbers. It is the responsibility of all housing occupants and visitors to abide by the parking restrictions imposed in these areas. If you are one of the offenders, please, do the right thing and park your vehicle elsewhere.

Gate traffic

Question: Can the main gate be open to two lanes during morning shift change during exercises? It appears most of the base is trying to get to work by 6 a.m. and traffic is backed up for kilometers in all directions.

Answer: It is standard practice for the security forces to open multiple lanes at the main gate during the extended hours required for exercises.

Unfortunately, even with multiple lanes, the influx of people at the same time period, especially during contingencies, can cause delays in entering the base.

One thing everyone can do is use the shuttle! Another good practice is to plan ahead. Knowing that an exercise may occur or has occurred should result in adjusting your arrival time or allowing a few extra minutes. I ask everyone to be patient and leave enough time to compensate for any possible problems.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Star Wars: Episode 2 (PG, 3 p.m.)

Starring Ewan McGregor and Natalie Portman. Ten years after the events of *The Phantom Menace*, not only has the galaxy undergone significant change, but so have our familiar heroes Obi-Wan Kenobi, Padmé Amidala and Anakin Skywalker as they are thrown together again for the first time since the Trade Federation invasion of Naboo. Anakin has grown into the accomplished Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan, who himself has transitioned from student to teacher. The two Jedi are assigned to protect Padmé whose life is threatened by a faction of political separatists. As relationships form and powerful forces collide, these heroes face choices that will impact not only their own fates, but the destiny of the Republic. (Sci-fi action, violence.)

Saturday

Star Wars: Episode 2 (3 and 7 p.m.)

Sunday

Star Wars: Episode 2

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R)

Starring Ryan Reynolds and Tara Reid. Van Wilder might be starting his seventh year at Cowledge College, but graduation is the furthest thing from his mind. Armed with a personal assistant and a coterie of admirers, Van has reached the status of living legend on campus, throwing bushes that make geeks popular, raising money for charity and generally "inspire the uninspired." But when Van's father refuses to pay any more of his son's tuition bills, Van must turn to party planning for profit in order to continue living in under-graduate bliss, thereby becoming the subject of an exposé by disapproving school journalist Gwen Pearson. What begins as a clash of wills, however, soon leads to unexpected romance as Van and Gwen both realize they have a lot to learn from each other. The only problem: Gwen's self-obsessed, frat house boyfriend, Richard, who's determined, at any cost, to put a stop to Van's rule as campus king. (Strong sexual content, gross humor, language and some drug content.)

Thursday

Panic Room (R)

Starring Jodie Foster. Trapped in their New York brownstone's panic room, a hidden chamber built as a sanctuary in the event of break-ins, newly divorced Meg Altman and her young daughter Sarah play a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with three intruders - Burnham, Raoul and Junior - during a brutal home invasion. But the room itself is the focal point because what the intruders really want is inside it. (Violence and language)

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

The Sweetest Thing (R)

Starring Cameron Diaz and Selma Blair. Sexy and bold Christina Walters, after years of avoiding meaningful relationships with men, unexpectedly meets her perfect match one night while hanging out with best girlfriends Courtney and Jane. When she finds out the next morning that he's suddenly left town, she and Courtney set out to find him on a wild road trip, encountering a series of hilarious misadventures on their journey. Their search ultimately leads them to a surprising discovery and the realization that love is the sweetest thing. (Strong sexual content and language.)

Insomnia (R, 10 p.m.)

Starring Al Pacino, Robin Williams and Hillary Swank. A sleep-deprived detective is sent to a small Alaskan town to investigate the murder of a teenage girl. Forced into a psychological game of cat-and-mouse by the primary suspect, events escalate and the detective finds his own stability dangerously threatened. (Language, some violence and brief nudity.)

Saturday

Insomnia

Changing Lanes (R, 10 p.m.)

Starring Samuel L. Jackson and Ben Affleck. An arrogant lawyer and a down-and-out businessman become involved in a minor traffic accident in Manhattan. As a result, the two men accidentally swap briefcases, the contents of which cause a heated battle with legal as well as financial repercussions. (Language)

Sunday

The Scorpion King (PG-13)

Starring The Rock. Inspired by the legendary Egyptian warrior, "The Scorpion King" is set 5,000 years ago in the notorious city of Gomorrah, where an evil ruler is determined to lay waste to all the nomadic peoples of the desert. The few remaining tribes, never natural allies, have to unite or perish. Knowing their enemy relies on the visions of a sorcerer, they hire a skilled assassin, Mathayus, to eliminate the visionary. After infiltrating the enemy camp, Mathayus discovers that the sorcerer is in fact a beautiful woman. Rather than eliminate her, he takes her deep into the desert badlands, knowing that the ruler's henchmen will stop at nothing to rescue her and bring her back. Seriously wounded in the ensuing battle, Mathayus must find the strength to lead his scrappy band of allies back to Gomorrah for a final confrontation. (Intense sequences of action violence and some sensuality.)

Monday

The Sweetest Thing

Tuesday

Insomnia

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Judy Frein weaves her second basket in the skills development center basketweaving class. Making the first basket is the hardest, but the gratification of leaving class with a complete, original work of art makes learning the skill worthwhile, said the Spangdahlem Middle School social studies teacher.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Basketry class teaches reed-weaving folk art

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Over, under, over, under - basket-making sounds simple and it is, according to Kathy Cole, 52nd Services Squadron Skills Development Center instructor. However, the art still requires a bit of patience and a lot of determination.

"If you miss one weave, it'll throw you off," said the basketry artist. "One of the best attributes of the art is that everything can be fixed - it's just easier when the instructor catches it before you get too far."

After years of creating blue-ribbon winning baskets, Cole has become a master at the craft and that's what makes the class so enjoyable, said student Judy Frein.

"She has an amazing amount of patience and she can fix just about any mess you get yourself into," said the Spangdahlem Middle School teacher.

The second best attribute of basketweaving is walking away with a finished product, Cole said.

"You have to work hard at it, but a first-time student can finish a large, usable basket in one night," she said.

The \$40 course includes hands-on instruction and all the materials needed to complete a project. Cole provides a variety of reed and cane colors for students to create original works of art or copy her handwoven examples.

Melanie McGovern signed up for the class in hopes of acquiring a basket like those created by Cole.

Skills development center basketweaving class instructor Kathy Cole coaches Dorinda Collins through the beginning steps of weaving her basket's side walls. Collins, an art teacher at Spangdahlem Middle School, plans to teach her students basketry after she masters the art herself.

"I wanted to buy one of Kathy's baskets displayed at the base craft shop, but I was told it wasn't for sale and that I'd have to make one myself," joked the class second-timer. "I asked twice, but they still refused, so I decided to take the

class. I've come to really enjoy it."

The next class takes place July 16 from 5-9 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2002. The cost is \$25, plus \$15 for supplies. Call the Crafts Corner at 452-4141 a week in advance to register.